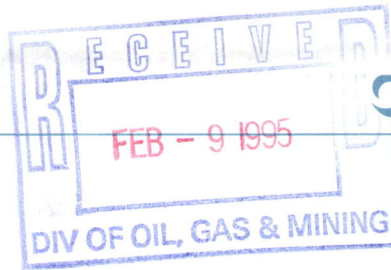


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**Crum & Forster
Insurance**

Kansas City/Denver Bond Department
7500 College Boulevard, Suite 800
Overland Park, Kansas 66210

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 2942
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66201-1342
(913) 345-2044 / 1 (800) 255-0454
Fax: (913) 345-9752 or (913) 345-2048

United States Fire Insurance Company
The North River Insurance Company

Director
Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Director:

RE: Ash Grove Cement Co., Principal
Mined Land Reclamation Act Surety Bond
Bond No.:
Permit Number: M/023/024
Mine Name: County Canyon
Bond Penal Sum: \$23,000.
Bond Dated: December 16, 1993

In accordance with the provisions of the bond, United States Fire Insurance Company/Westchester Fire Insurance Company hereby notifies you of the cancellation of the bond described above, such cancellation to be effective ninety (90) days following receipt by you of this notice.

Very truly yours,
United States Fire Insurance Company
Westchester Fire Insurance Company

By J. D. Hamlet
J. D. Hamlet, Attorney-in-Fact

P.S. This cancellation notice is being given at the request of the principal which is in the process of securing replacement surety. The replacement bond should reach you shortly.

P.C. Ash Grove Cement Co.
8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 600
Overland Park, KS 66225

P.C. Mike Fagan
Marino & Wolf, Inc.
Mission Woods, Kansas